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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The reply filed on 5/4/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: Applicant did not file a response to the office action mail on 4/5/06. The reply filed on 5/4/06 is in response to the Office dated October 19, 2005. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action mailed 4/5/06 has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

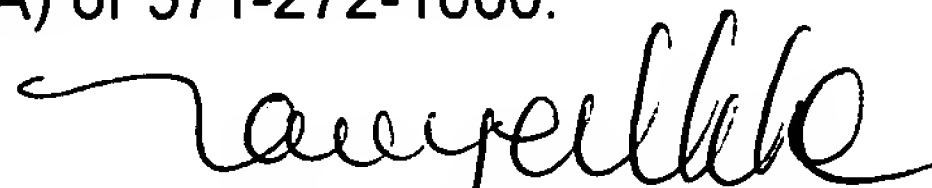
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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to (Jackie) Tan-Uyen T. Ho whose telephone number is 571-272-4696. The examiner can normally be reached on MULTIFLEX Mon. to Sat..

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